

Do you live a life that doesn't have any way out?

Well, I mentioned last week that my wife and I went to Florida to celebrate our anniversary. Like I said, it would be an incredible time and it was.

I have always wanted to go scuba diving, and we were able to do that. Every time I would see someone diving on television or in the movies, a thought would always go through my mind — "You have to do that."

It is an overwhelming experience, let me tell you. You don't realize how much you breathe out your nose until you can't and you have to use your mouth.

The first dive sight was a sunken ship. The history behind the boat sinking was that during World War II boats were navigating without lights at night so they wouldn't be spotted by the U-boats thought to be in the area. Two cargo ships collided



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and the smaller one sank. Fortunately, everyone survived, and they were able to later go back and salvage the cargo.

As I sat there listening to the captain of our dive boat tell us the story, I imagined what that must have been like to be on that boat as it was taking on water.

Later, as I reflected about the dive, I was reminded of a fleet of ships that were left in the bottom of the ocean too. Let me share the story with you and make some application to our life.

On February 19, 1519, Cortez and his fleet of ships left Cuba heading to Mexico, planning to conquer the territory for Spain. However, after

many hardships and unexpected problems, the men became disgruntled. They had grown weary of their calling. They were tired and ready to give up.

Perhaps you can relate to those men. Life can be bumpy — it can pull you with unrelenting currents that wear you down can't it?

Cortez needed those men to be committed to the mission. He needed them to follow him, no matter what the obstacles were, no matter what the cost. So Cortez gave his men one of the strangest orders in all

of military history. He told them: "Burn the ships!"

Can you imagine those orders? "Burn the ships? How in the world will we survive? How will we accomplish this crazy mission? If we do that, we might never see our loved ones again. Cortez, you are crazy!"

I don't know if you can hear the shouting of those men in your mind as the order is passed from one ship to the next, but what would you do with those orders? Would you trust your leader? If you were holding the torch, would you be willing to strike the sail?

Let's bring that historical event into our spiritual lives.

"How does it fit?" you ask.

Well, it is really pretty simple. Have you done that? Are you totally committed to Jesus Christ or is there something that you're holding onto?

Have you truly done as the Bible says?

The first disciples "left all and followed him." Have you done the same? Have you burned your ships, or are you still holding onto something out of your past?

Have you fully trusted Jesus with your whole life? Have you burned your ships? There is a conviction that I hold and try to live and it goes like this: "The more you are willing to risk, the more God can use you. And if you are willing to risk everything, then there is nothing God can't do in you and through you."

I think the problem a lot of us have is the "C" word — you know, control. We struggle with not being able to handle the keys and turning the wheel of our life. Like we know what is best for our future instead of the one who has allowed us to have a future.

The Bible put it this way: "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

Today is the day of decision. Make a commitment and a determination to never look back, to never go back, but to press on toward the prize.

As Paul said in Philippians 3:13, "Forgetting those things which are behind, and straining toward those things which are ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Now, there is how you live a life with no regrets. Have an incredible weekend.

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Area artists show work at Colby museum

The Prairie Museum of Art and History in Colby is featuring an exhibit from the its collection of work from artists who have spent most, if not all, of their lives in northwest Kansas.

The exhibit features paintings and drawings from artists, past and present, who live in this area, including Betty Springler, Eldon Van Campen, B.V. Dimmitt, Lily Plummer, Betty M. Wheaton Cox, Regna Reese, Margaret Denneler, Erma Depe, Griggs Hamill, Olive Shriver, Othelia Miller, Marjorie Lee Brown, Twila Fern, Hagler

Roesch, Mabel Epard Boyer, Chas. A Jones, Josephine L. Reed, Alice Sible Harrison, Clara Rhea, Marlene (Miller) Carpenter, William Schroeder, Faye Chadwick Wolf, Harley E. Pritchett, Merry Lewis, Fred Penney, Kenneth E. Mitchell, Lamoreaux Van Horn, Don Denning, Jody Murray, Henry Clay Davis and Eleanor Phillips.

The exhibit will be up until Thursday, May 31. The museum is at 1905 S. Franklin, Colby. Call (785) 460-4590. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

QuickBooks Find helps locate transactions

Are you a QuickBooks user? Do you spend a lot of time looking for transactions you've entered?



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One of my favorite functions in QuickBooks is Find. You may have a Find button on your icon bar. If not, you can access the Find function by pressing Ctrl+F or by selecting it on the Edit file menu.

On the Simple tab in the Find window, you can search various transaction types based on criteria you enter. On the Advanced tab, you can use numerous filters to narrow your search and quickly find exactly what you're looking for.

To open and edit your transaction once you've found it, simply double-click on it in your Find results list.

Take some time to play with the Find function and discover all the ways it can work for you.

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Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

April 17 — 7:14 a.m., 600 Cattle Trail, Neal Starr reported a theft.

11:57 a.m., 1209 Cherry, battery, two juveniles. Case referred to county attorney.

April 19 — 4:59, 204 W. 11, arrested Michael Lee Doxon on a warrant. Case referred to city attorney.

5:29 p.m., 204 W. 11, arrested Michael Lee Doxon on a warrant. Case referred to city attorney.

April 20 — 12 p.m., 1209 Cherry, battery of two law enforcement officers, disorderly conduct, obstructing legal process, possession of tobacco by a minor and criminal damage to property. Victims James Gillespie and Mike Fenner, city of Goodland and state of Kansas. Case referred to county attorney.

April 23 — 1:06 p.m., 112 W. 13th, Cole Auction and Real Estate reported criminal damage to property.

6:14 p.m., 211 Center, arrested Stephanie Lynn Rinehart for theft and possession of narcotics. Victim Sandra Miller. Case referred to county attorney.

9:31 p.m., 1015 W. 15th, arrested Paul Benjamin Gilbert on a warrant for another jurisdiction. Case referred to county attorney.

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Richard M. Parish quit claims to Richard M. Parish and Ellen A. Bradshaw, Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 7, First Addition to the City of Goodland.

J. Kendall Cooper and Jacque S. Cooper to Johnie Colby Jr. and Tina L. Colby, Lots 3 and 4, Block 70, Original Town of Goodland.

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Square Fair Crafts Festival
May 25-26. Annual Craft Festival. Over 100 exhibitors, food vendors, Quilt Show, entertainment. Something for the whole family! Street Dance 7-11 p.m. Garnett, KS.

Wild About Moms!
May 12-13. Celebrate Mother's Day - quilt show plus free shortcake and geranium! Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure in Salina. 785-827-9488, www.rollinghillswildlife.com.

Abdallah Shrine Rodeo
May 24-26. Wild West action with cowboys, broncs and bulls! Leavenworth County Fairgrounds in Tonganoxie, KS. 913-362-5300, www.shrineroдео.com.

Big Well-come Celebration
May 25-26. Rodeo, fashion show, crafters, reenactors, car show and dance in Greensburg, KS. 620-723-2400, www.bigwell.org.

Kurtis Arts Plaza Show
May 26. Master artwork on display. Mountain Oyster Cookoff. Acoustic Blues Festival. Sedan, KS. Jonesreallyusa@yahoo.com.

Beef Empire Days
May 30-June 10. The original celebration of the beef and cattle feeding industries! Garden City, KS. 620-275-6807, beefempiredays@gcnet.com or www.beefempiredays.com.

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Wednesday: Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m.
Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.
Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.
Small Group Ministries meets throughout the week.
www.calvarygospel.net

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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307 W. 13th • 890-7205
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment
Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 6 pm, **Sunday:** 10:30 am
Spanish Mass:
Sunday: 12:30 pm

Sonrise Christian Church

Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398
Minister: Charles E. Kerr, Jr.
Sunday: Worship Service: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 10:45 am
Team Puppeteers: 6 pm
Wednesday:
Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm
Adult & Children's Classes: 7 pm
Jets, 4th grade and under: 3:30 - 4:30

Word of Life

Joursquare Church

10th & Clark • 899-5250
Pastor: John Coumerilh
Sunday: Worship Celebration
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Age 3 through grade 6, 6:30 p.m.
(during school year)

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Sunday: Worship Service: 9 am
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Evening Service: 6 pm

Bible Baptist Church

Pastor: Michael Estep
Fifth & Broadway
890-7368
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
Morning Service: 10 am
Evening Service: 6:30 pm
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO
(719) 346-7984
Sacrament Meeting: 10 am
Sunday School: 11:15 am
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 am

Iglesia Del Dios Vivo

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Spanish Speaking Church
Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.
1601 Texas • 899-5275
Daily Prayer: Sunday thru
Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am

United Methodist Church Brewster

Pastor: Dorine Chambers
Worship Service: 10:45 am CST
Sunday School: 9:45 am CST
Winona:
Minister: Sheryl Johnson
Worship Service: 9 am CST
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Pastor: Rev. Ted Amos
Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233
Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Activities: Junior High & High School Youth Groups,
Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups,
Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship
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Kanorado United Methodist Church

Pastor: Leonard Cox
399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
Worship Service: 10:15 am

Church of the Nazarene

Pastor: Bob Willis
Third & Caldwell
899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:50 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 pm

First United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman 899-3631
Pastor: Rev. Janet Hernandez
Saturday: Worship: 5:30 pm
Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 am
Worship: 10:30 am
Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live
5:45 - 6:45 Simple Supper "Free will Offering
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages

Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 am
Morning Worship: 10:45 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday: AWANA (Winter)
and prayer: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Pastor: Travis Blake
Bateman's Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th
890-3450
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages:
9:30 am (Child care provided)
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.
Wheatridge Center

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

13th & Center
Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969
Priest: Father Hal Lycett
Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m. Sunday
10:00 a.m. Thursday
Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.
For emergencies 890-6969

Harvest Evangelical Free Church

104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918
Pastor: Brian Eugeberg
Sunday: Worship: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth group
meets at 7 p.m.
at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.

Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail
Pastor: Mike Larson
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 11 am

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Sunday: Christian education/fellowship:
10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9 am
Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 pm

Church of Christ

401 Caldwell
890-6185
Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm

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